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Drawing Amendments

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Fig. 1. This sheet which includes Fig. 1, replaces the original sheet including Fig. 1. In Fig. 1, the extraneous reference symbol "10" was deleted.

Please approve the drawing changes that are marked in red on the accompanying "Annotated Sheet Showing Changes" of Fig. 1. A formal "Replacement Sheet" of amended Fig. 1 is also enclosed.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested. It is noted that this amendment only addresses the formalistic issues raised by the Examiner, so as to prepare the case for appeal. Applicants respectfully note that the Examiner's rejections over the art are not correct and a Notice of Appeal will be filed subsequent hereto, to address the rejections over the art.

Claims 1-4, 6-11, and 12-14 remain in the application. Claims 5, 12, and 13 were previously cancelled. Claim 11 has been withdrawn from consideration.

In item 1 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, the drawings have been objected to as because of a second occurrence of the reference symbol "10". As noted above, the extraneous reference symbol "10" has been deleted from between the reference symbols 5 and 6. Therefore, the objection to the drawings by the Examiner has been overcome.

In item 2 on page 3 of the above-identified Office action, the disclosure has been objected to because of the following informalities.

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The Examiner stated that in the paragraph spanning pages 10-11, the phrase "synchronous belt 15" should be replaced with "synchronous belt 23". The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, the objection to the specification by the Examiner has been overcome.

The Examiner stated that a statement must be made with respect to the knife 3 oriented transverse to the product travel direction. The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, the objection to the specification by the Examiner has been overcome.

Should the Examiner find any further objectionable items, counsel would appreciate a telephone call during which the matter may be resolved.

In item 3 on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 10 have been rejected as being obvious over Ito (US 4,922,773) in view of Besemann (U.S. Patent No. 4,523,502), Boss (U.S. Patent No. 6,536,319 B1), and Hartledge (U.S. Patent No. 4,505,173) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

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In item 6 on page 6 of the above-identified Office action, claims 8 and 9 have been rejected as being obvious over Ito (US 4,922,773) in view of Besemann (U.S. Patent No. 4,523,502), Boss (U.S. Patent No. 6,536,319 B1), and Hartledge (U.S. Patent No. 4,505,173) and further in view of Canon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,553,080) (hereinafter "Canon") under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

The rejections over the art are not correct. Specifically, claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 10 are not obvious over Ito in view of Besemann, Boss, and Hartledge and claims 8 and 9 are not obvious over Ito in view of Besemann, Boss, and Hartledge and further in view of Canon. As noted above, a Notice of Appeal and an Appeal Brief will be filed so as to specifically address the rejections over the art and the Examiner's allegations. The amendment is merely provided to address the formalistic issues to prepare the case for appeal.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section

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1.136(a) in the amount of \$130 in accordance with Section 1.17
is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner
Greenberg Stemer LLP, No. 12-1099.

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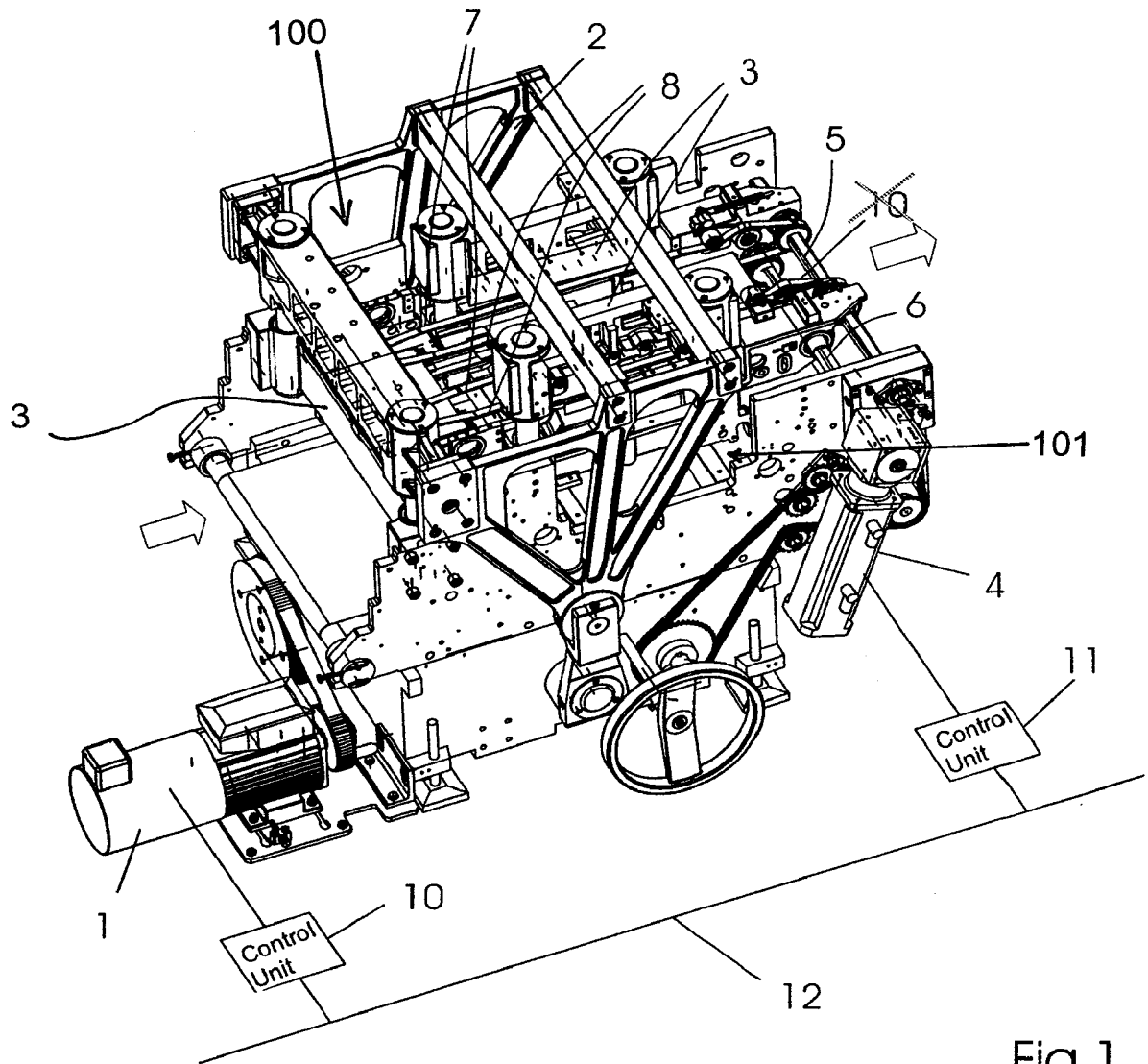


Fig. 1